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Draft report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole

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Addendum

C. Implementation in areas requiring urgent action

2. Sectors and issues

1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole considered subparagraphs 40 (f), (g) and (h), and paragraph 41, of the proposed outcome of the special session (A/S-19/14-E/1997/60, sect. I.B) at its ___th meeting on __ June 1997.

2. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the following amendments and recommended that the General Assembly adopt the paragraphs as amended:

(a) Subparagraph 40 (f) was revised to read:

"Accelerating the phasing-out of the use of leaded gasoline as soon as possible, in pursuit of the objectives of reducing the severe health impacts of human exposure to lead. In this regard, technological and economic assistance should continue to be provided to developing countries in order to enable them to make such a transition";

(b) Subparagraph 40 (g) was revised to read:

"The promotion of voluntary guidelines for environmentally friendly transport, and actions for reducing vehicle emissions of carbon dioxide,

carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and volatile organic compounds, as soon as possible";

(c) In paragraph 41, the fourth and fifth sentences, containing the bracketed text, were revised to read:

"So far, insufficient progress has been made by many developed countries in meeting their aim to return GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2000. It is recognized as one critical element of the Berlin Mandate[9] that the commitments under article 4, paragraph 2 (a) and (b), of the Convention are inadequate and that there is therefore a need to strengthen these commitments."